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Applicant: Sabanayagam et al.

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Group No.: 1634

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Examiner: F. Lu

FOR: NUCLEIC ACID ARRAYS AND METHODS OF SYNTHESIS

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated November 6, 2002, applicants timely filed an Amendment after Final on March 6, 2003, including a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and payment of fee. In the Advisory Action dated April 4, 2003, the Examiner indicated that the proposed Amendment would not be entered because it raised new issues. Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on April 1, 2003, including a Petition for an additional One Month Extension of Time and payment of fee. Applicants are filing an RCE application herewith to have the previously filed Amendment considered. Applicants are submitting a revised Amendment herewith to comply with the revised Amendment practice under 37 C.F.R. 1.121. Please amend the above-described application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.